

# THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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## LOYAL TO CHURCH

SILVER POINT, Tenn.—Dear brothers and sisters, greetings in Jesus' name: I just want to sound a note of praise thru the Evangel for saying, sanctifying and giving me the Holy Ghost.

The dear Lord surely has been blessing in this community. We have just closed a two weeks meeting. The Lord blessed wonderfully. The saints rejoiced in the dance under the power of God. There were six saved, two sanctified, one received the Holy Ghost, nineteen baptized in water and two added to the church. We praise God for our church. We have twenty-six members who are standing loyal to the Church of God. I ask all who read this to pray for us.—C. H. Prince, pastor, W. H. Huddleston, Clerk.

## ANOTHER VICTORY

I praise the Lord today for His great favors unto His own. Our hearts are made to overflow many times for the many battles He has brought us thru.

About the first of June, Brother S. C. Chambers came over on this district; first to Rome. The Lord began to bless in the very first service. In periods thru the four weeks of this meeting, we were made to stand and praise the Lord for His great and wonderful power.

There were about thirty-eight received the Holy Ghost. We lost record of those saved and sanctified. There were twenty added to the Church of God and twenty baptized in water. Glory to God. As I write I can feel some of this great power now. The Lord wonderfully blessed His servant in giving out the Word. The church at Rome has been wonderfully blessed on account of this great meeting. The best of it now is that the Spirit and power are still working and we expect it to continue.

From Rome Brother Chambers pitched his tent in South Lindale. The Lord was there at once to take charge as we try at all times to let Him lead and we follow. We can never be able to tell what this meeting has meant to us. We are made to say today that we are proud of the people here and to know we are in the Church of God, the Old Ship of Zion, with her banners hoisted and moving rapidly onward. Praise the Lord!

There were eighteen who received the Holy Ghost, seventeen came into the church and sixteen baptized in water. We praise the Lord for sending Brother Chambers this way. The revival spirit is still on and many are looking this way. Two have been recommended for the ministry from this district this year. We are moving on. Pray for us. We mean to stay on the Great Ship until we anchor in glory. Let us look up for the fields are ripe and ready. Let us gather in the golden grain. Pray, pray for us, we intend to go on and on.—Rev. E. C. Dilbeck, Lindale, Ga.

## 2 WEEKS MEETING AT EUPORA

EUPORA, Miss.—I wish to praise God thru the paper. I thank Him because this morning finds me saved, sanctified and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost. I thank the dear Lord for blessing at this place.

We had a two weeks meeting, services conducted by our Overseer. The Lord surely blessed him. I ask all who read this to pray for me and the saints here that we will stand true and be what God wants us to be.—Plumes Jernigan.

## SERVED GOD SINCE 10 YEARS OF AGE

Parish, Fla.—I praise God for the privilege of again attending the Wm. Camp Meeting; and meeting so many of the saints, but most of all the Lord was there and set His seal of approval on the meeting. Oh how wonderful the preachers did preach and how we enjoyed our General Overseer's talks on the chart. His sermons were deep and uplifting to the soul. Our State Overseer was at his best.

## SOME STILL ALIVE

ROME, Ga. We have just closed one of the greatest revivals that has ever struck Rome (that we know anything of). The meeting continued thirty-two days with Brother S. C. Chambers in charge. He was backed by the Holy Ghost and the prayers and means of the good people of Rome and other places. He certainly gave out the Word without fear or compromising with the enemy; he did not round the corners or sugar coat it to suit the taste of any man or woman, but gave it out just as it was handed to him from the upper world.

There were around forty-five saved, about forty sanctified, thirty-eight received the Holy Ghost and twenty-three added to the church. Twenty followed the Lord in water baptism and many others are looking this way. A very noted lady, a Christian worker from the Salvation Army came into the church.

The tent will be pitched in Lindale today for a few weeks battle down there but I believe the revival we had at Rome will run on under our hats after the tent leaves. We had an old time shout in the camp last night and "everybody seemed to love everybody" and the saints all went home with faces shining because they were all greasy with tallow from the fatted calf. There were several prodigal sons and daughters who came back to their Father's house and we had music and dancing and I think the Father must have killed "an ox" this time and just greased us all over, hallelujah.

Pray for the old pastor that he will be able to feed the flock.—M. A. Looney.

## NEVER GETS TIRED OF SERVING JESUS

WEBB, W. Va.—Today finds me saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, shouting the victory and trusting the Lord for my healing. Jesus is all and all to me. I want all who reads this to pray for me that I may hold out faithful. I never get tired of serving Him bless His dear name. It is so sweet to trust in Jesus. I have a hard time to live this life but He said His grace was sufficient and I expect to go all the way whatever the cost may be. I want to be one of the heavenly host.—Jane McCoy.

The young people's meetings were great. I am sure Sister Murphy and her helpers will receive a great reward at the last great day. Brother Jensen was on hand giving Bible lessons every morning. These lessons were much needed and enjoyed and will tell in the future for our young people will come in and carry the Lord's work after we are gone. Every pastor should take special care of our young people and children.

The Camp Meeting as a whole was good. It was the best that I have ever known. The Lord was with us and poured out His spirit in an unusual way the second Thursday and last Monday night. We had an old time pentecostal rejoicing. Oh, that people would live close to the Lord every day and then let Him manifest His power. Quite a number were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

I praise God for His mighty healing power, many were healed, among the number was one brother, W. M. Rumbler. He was taken very sick suddenly, some thought he was dying but our God heard the cries of His children and healed him. He is now on the battle field holding a revival at Parish. I do praise the Lord because I was saved when only a little girl ten years of age and shouted all over the meeting house. About thirty-eight or thirty-nine years ago I was sanctified and about twenty years ago I was filled with the Holy Ghost. Have been divinely healed of a half dozen diseases. The devil has had none of my life of seventy-two years. I am glad that this salvation is for the children, young, middle aged and old. He said it was and I have proved it. I have found it sweet to follow Jesus all the way; He has always stood by me in the hard places and carried me through and is letting me work for Him. I have no place this year but go from place to place as He leads me. My greatest delight is to work for Him.—Lorena Cotton, 2305 Central Ave., Tampa, Fla.

## The Day of Atonement

### On This Day Israel Was Reconciled to God

F. J. Lee, General Overseer.

These are the feasts of the Lord, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons.

Atonement is the satisfaction offered to divine justice for the sins of mankind by the death of Jesus Christ, of which animal sacrifices were typical.

This act of atonement is referred to as a sacrifice, expiation, redemption, ransom, a purchase, a satisfaction, a substitution also a reconciliation etc.

The English for atonement is atonement. The world of mankind was at variance with God, they were doomed to eternal destruction.

It is said that the Hebrew word for atonement is translated to mean covering. Jesus came to die that He might cover the sinner from the just anger of God. He came to make atonement between God and man.

There were daily sacrifices, but these only atoned for the partial sins of the people. It was understood that there were sins that were never mentioned. This is why they had a special day of atonement that all sins may be expiated.

This special day of atonement took place on the tenth day of the seventh month which was Tisri (October).

The day was a high Sabbath on which no work was done; and all the people fasted from the evening of the 9th to the evening of the 10th. Many sacrifices were offered on this day. The blood was offered for the priests and the people. During this time the priest laid his hand on the scape goat and confessed the sins of the people. This goat was led away into the wilderness and there let go free, to signify the carrying away of Israel's sins.

There were two young goats chosen, these were offered for a sin offering. These were presented before the Lord. Lots were cast to see which would be the scape-goat. Both were spotless, good goats, both represented Jesus. One was slain and the other had the sins of the people confessed over him. He then was led to the wilderness, thus bearing the sins of the people away that they may be accounted free from every sin.

The two goats represented two in one. The goat slain typified that aspect of Christ's death to take care of the sins of the people. The scape-goat typified that aspect of Christ's work which takes away their sins after they are confessed with a penitent heart.

The scape-goat in Hebrew is called Azazel which means goat of departure, go away, disappear. (Greek and Hebrew Lexicon.) After Jesus bore the sins of the people He disappeared.

While sacrifices and atonement were made for sins each day which proved to be a very imperfect way, the day of annual atonement was a more perfect way, atoning for all sins, yet it proved to be unsatisfactory as the following Scriptures show.

The law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God.

Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to conscience.

Neither by the blood of goats and

calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. Heb. 9:12.

The Gentiles by the tens of thousands accept the plan of salvation. They accept the atoning blood of the holy sacrifice and are walking daily with Him and recognizing Him as their Savior. They freely recognize the fountain that was opened for sin and uncleanness, but the Jews in general have rejected this fountain, but in the last days a remnant will accept Him and come to the fountain.

The angel told Daniel that there were seventy weeks determined upon his people. This seventy weeks dated from the time of ordering the rebuilding of the temple in the days of King Cyrus. Sixty-nine weeks culminated at the crucifixion of their King. He wept over them and said that He would have gathered them as a hen gathers her chickens, but they rejected Him, so He told them, their house was left unto them desolate. He then turned to the Gentiles and invited them to the fountain. They are enjoying this fountain today, but when the fullness of the Gentiles is up, that which has been closed to the Jews because of blindness which happened in part to them will be opened to them for their special benefit.

Seventy weeks is determined for the finishing of the transgression of the Jews, (thy people) to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. Dan. 9:24. During the time for reconciliation of the Jews will be when the fountain is opened to the house of David. Notice "opened to" not "opened in" as some state, but the fountain that has been closed because of their rejection and unbelief will be opened to them, and thousands will plunge into it and be made clean, even receiving the Holy Ghost. The 12th chapter of Zechariah and the 10th verse says, I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplication. The margin says, Holy Spirit. Carrying this same thought into the next chapter the 1st verse says, "In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness."

The remnant which will be 144,000 shall receive the Holy Ghost. They will be able to perform great miracles. The Gentiles will recognize the special power and grace given to the Jews. They shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, "We will go with you for we have heard that God is with you."

At the day of atonement kept annually by the Jews, they were to afflict their souls. It represented their return to the Lord under the Palestinian covenant. See Deut. 30:1-10. Read this Scripture and you can see what awaits the Jews after they receive of this fountain opened to the house of David. Their souls will be afflicted under great conviction, but they will repent and accept Jesus Christ as their Savior and Messiah.

## ASSEMBLIES OF GOD AND SALVATION ARMY MEMBERS RECEIVE HOLY GHOST

CANTON, O.—I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. God has been working in a wonderful way in and around Canton. There was an evangelist, Paul Carpenter, who was in the Assemblies of God and was holding a revival at Springfield Center between Canton and Akron, Ohio. He asked me to help in the meeting and the Lord worked in a mighty way. Souls were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, also backsliders were reclaimed. Many nights and Sunday afternoons the tent was filled to its capacity.

This lasted six weeks and at the close the best thing of all, the evangelist and most of all the converts came into the Church of God. Brother Carpenter has a tent and Gospel car.

The Lord also has blessed him with a helpmate who was Miss Gertrude Cole, the writer's sister. She is gifted in music in a wonderful way and uses her talent for the glory of the Lord. At present they are holding meetings in Peumma, Ohio.

Anyone will do well to have Brother Paul and wife hold a meeting for them. Another thing I want to make mention of concerning the meeting at Springfield Center is that a Salvation Army woman and her daughter received the Holy Ghost and came into the Church of God. The daughter just arrived from college in New York where she was in training nine months. Now she is a Church of God preacher and we are so glad the Church is rising and shining and all

## GLAD TO BE GOING FOR THE MASTER

WARRIOR, Ala.—We have just returned from Prayco and Flat Creek where we had a wonderful time with the Lord and the saints there. We can truly say the Lord was with us. It seemed at first that Satan didn't mean for us to go but we got there all right. The meeting started a short while after we arrived in Prayco and we had a wonderful time, had night services at Flat Creek and day services at Prayco.

The Lord began to bless in the beginning, several were saved, some at home and some at church. Of course we don't have to be in church to get saved for some have prayed through at home. Some were sanctified and six baptized with the Holy Ghost for we heard them speak in tongues. Ten came into the Church and nine were baptized in water.

We surely found some hungry souls down there. We were glad to have Brother Kilgore and some of the other saints from Altoona to help us, also Brother Ellis and wife and the saints from Dora came over. We felt that God was there and also pleased with the work there. Brother Kilgore was to come back and continue the meeting as we had duties calling us home and other places. We are glad to be out and going for our Master. We desire the prayers of the great Church of God.—R. L. and Mammie Duke, Route 3.

## Determined To Fight The Devil

I want to sound a note of praise thru the Evangel for the wonderful victory God has given us on the islands. It has been a long time since I have put a report in the Evangel owing to my affliction, but I can rejoice this morning for the healing of my body according to James 5:14-15. I promised the Lord if He would heal me I would work for Him more than ever before and He answered my prayer and healed me so that I am able to work for Him.

Brother Moss and I went to Andros and pitched a battle. The Lord wonderfully blessed us with twenty-six souls. The saints there are all on fire for God and determined to stay in the dear old Church of God.

After spending a week with the saints, we came back to Nassau. I spent two weeks here working in the highways and hedges. Then Brother Solomon Mackey, Brother Minus, Brother Finley and I started for Benlmin Town, Eleuthera where we found the devil fighting on every side. We were determined to fight, praise God, and had a two weeks revival. Nine souls were blessed. The Lord is surely working in these last days. He said that He would pour out His Spirit on all flesh and the devil is mad but we are glad.

The Church of God in Nassau is going on with Brother W. V. Eneas as pastor and overseer. He is just like a good father, is loving and kind and we do love him. He has passed thru many hard struggles together with the children of God but we can thank God for the great victory. He has given us the victory so let us all just stay humble before the Lord and give Him the glory and honor for what He has done.

I am expecting to leave for Kemps-bay and I desire the saints everywhere to pray for Sister Mallory that God will give me wonderful victory and that boldness and utterance be given me.—Yours on the battlefield, Clemencia J. Mallory.

## REPORT

HIAWASSEE, Ga.—Just closed a meeting with victory over the devil and many looking this way. I am in a new field and think I will be called to some other place.—J. G. Garrett.

the honest, true hearted people are seeing the light on the right way. Praise God for the quickening power of the Holy Ghost that will convict people of their sins.

We also praise God for victory in the Church affairs. We are expecting a great time at the Assembly this fall. We expect 100 delegates from Ohio alone. So pray for us that we will stay humble at the feet of Jesus so He can get glory out of our lives. Yours in the Lord's service, open for calls,—Sister Glemma Rice, 826 Court Ave., S. W. Canton, Ohio.

## CHURCH REVIVED

NORTON, Va.—A tent meeting started at Kellysville, W. Va. June 16th. We are having good attendance and the Lord is blessing good in giving out the Word. People seem to enjoy the meeting to a great extent due to the fact they haven't had a meeting here for some time. The church has revived and has been wonderfully benefited. Plans are being drawn for building a new church. One hundred dollars has been promised for this purpose.

I must say it has been quite a pleasure to be with Rev. Lloyd L. Vaughn and the saints of his district. We ask all of the saints to pray for this church and saints here and our success in evangelistic work that the Lord may supply our needs and give us souls for our labor and a great zeal to work for the Lord and the church.—S. E. Money, 919 Ky. Ave.

## BIG REVIVAL AT HICKORY CREEK

CROCKETT, Texas.—I thank the Lord for the band of saints at Crockett, Texas. We held a meeting about eleven miles from Crockett. It began July 9th and continued thru July 24th. There were twenty-seven baptized in water. The church was set in order with thirty-eight members. Brother Wood and son and two other brothers were with us at the close of the meeting. We surely did enjoy them being with us and hope they will come again soon.

I am fifteen years old and have had the blessing one year. The way grows brighter and sweeter to me each day. My determination is to go to the end and meet my Savior in peace some day.

The churches in this part of the state are moving on fine. Pray that the work will prosper more and more. A worker for the Savior.—Clairette Moore, R. 2, box 47.

## Determined Tho the Devil is Raging

THOMPSON TOWN, Blackwood District.—I am happy to say that the Church of God hath done a great thing for me. Two brothers came here from Mt. Providence and preached the Word. Many souls were saved.

I was a bad girl and another girl and I were great friends at school. One day she said, "Let's go to the altar one night." I told her that I would but that night I did not go to church. She went and got saved and after that I persecuted her. But when I went to church and saw so many of my companions testifying and I couldn't, it put a desire in my heart to get saved too. But I thought that when I got converted and went to school they would mock me. One day when Brother Sidney was at our home he called on me to pray. I did not say anything at first. He called on me three times and then I burst out in tears and asked the Lord to wash me in His precious blood that I might be a better girl and He saved me.

We have a church here now and I am a member. Many people are against us and the devil is raging like a roaring lion but we are determined to go through. He is trying to hinder me but please pray that the chain may be broken. We need your help. "The strong must bear the infirmities of the weak."—Rufin K. Reid.

## Hope to Set Church In Order

LONE MOUNTAIN, Tenn.—Just closed a thirteen days meeting. Surely had a good time in the Lord. The writer and Brother Baxter Bryant did the preaching. Ten were saved, one sanctified and the meeting broke with ten seekers at the altar. We are looking to be called in the near future to set the church in order. We found many hungry souls looking this way so pray much for that place.—L. E. Jones, Laballete, Tenn.



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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else, a postal card telling where you are this week.

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## TESTIMONY

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla.**—I am praising God today for this great and wonderful salvation. Several years ago the Lord wonderfully saved me from my sins, sanctified and baptized me with the blessed Holy Ghost. Praise His sweet name! And He still abides in my soul just as sweet as when He first came in.

I also want to praise Him for healing. Brother L. G. Rouse came by here in March and prayed for me and the Lord healed me of palpitation of the heart. I also had been afflicted several years with chronic appendicitis and for several months had been having severe attacks every few weeks and would suffer intensely. Although I still feel the symptoms but have been much better since Brother Rouse prayed for me. I praise the Lord for it all.

About a year ago God wonderfully healed our little boy of what was said to be bronchitis. His temperature went above 104. He was very sick but we just held on in prayer till victory came and one afternoon the Lord healed him and the next morning he was able to go for a ride. Hallelujah! Please pray for our unsaved loved ones that they may be saved before it is too late. Also pray that we may be able to win souls and be ready to go when Jesus comes.

The Lord is wonderfully blessing here in Jacksonville. O last Sunday was a wonderful day. The Holy Ghost took charge of the service Sunday night and there were messages, interpretations, the altar filled with seekers and a number were blessed. The saints were greatly edified. For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself. There was dancing, shouting and talking in tongues. We have a fine band of spirit-filled saints here.

Brother Ellis came by and preached for us Monday night and we had another good service. We surely enjoyed his message. Brother Ellis was just out of Melrose, Ga. camp meeting and was tired in body but the Lord lifted him up with a real anointing of the Holy Ghost and I think he forgot that he had been fatigued. He had to leave as soon as the message was concluded for his home in Greenville, S. C. but we had another good altar service. Your sister in Christ—Mrs. D. Tidwell, 818 E. 10 St.

## NOTICES

We are going to start a meeting at McCrory, Ark. the first Sunday in Sept. and we want to invite all the saints to come that will and those that do not come, we ask you to pray much for the meeting that the Lord will wonderfully work.—Carlu Foulter, clerk, Route 2, McCrory, Ark.

I would like to know the whereabouts of G. P. Duckworth. When last heard of he was near Eagleband, Miss. This was before the high water and I want to know if he is still living. If anyone knows of him, please let me know his address as soon as possible.—Mrs. M. A. Sanders, Kennedy, Ala., R. 1, box 57.

The Church of God at Alcoa, Tenn., would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Brother V. D. Hamby.—Leoma Costner, clerk and treasurer, Maryville, Tenn., R. 3.

## ORPHANAGE REPORT

JUNE 1ST TO AUG. 1ST.

Donated by the manager of Picknick at Parkville, Tenn., 5 boxes bread; Blanche E. Ross, Youngstown, Ohio, 2 dresses, 2 princess slips; Sanitary Bakery, Cleveland, Tenn., 4 loaves bread, 1 box bread; Mr. Haggard, Cleveland, Tenn., 3-4 bu. beans; Eddie Sullivan, Lubbock, Texas, 3-1-3 yds. lace, 1 yd. cloth, 4 hdkfs., 1 towel, 2 yds. satin, 1 boys suit; Estella Lockwood, Warfield, Ky., 3 bars soap, 2 boxes powder, 1 dress, 1 shirt, 1 spool thd., 30 quilt stars; Mrs. J. W. Lowery, Thomasville, Ala., 9 yds. cloth, 2 towels, 1 sheet, 2 spools thread; Mrs. Vivian Jones, Harlan, Ky., 5 baby shirts, cap, booties, 2 gowns 1 yd. flannel, 8 dresses, 2 middies, 2 little boys' suits 2 shirts, 2 waist, 1 pr. pants, 4 prs. rompers, 4 slips, 3 bloomers, 3 ladies shirts, 1 middle, 1 hat, 1 coat, 2 prs. pillow cases, 1 slip; Alice Russell, Harlan, Ky., 2 yds. gingham; Mrs. Minnie Youngblood, Ages, Ky., 1-2 yds. cloth, 1 spool thread, 3 yds. percale; Mrs. Mink Harlan, Ky., 4 yds. gingham, 1 pr. pillow cases, 1 towel, 1 bloomer dress; P. R. Smith, Sham, Ky., 14 yds. domestic, 8 yds. lawn, 3 dresser scarfs, 2 prs. pillow cases, 1 boy's suit, 1 dress, 5 towels; Sanitary Bakery, Cleveland, Tenn., 24 loaves bread, box buns; Mr. Haggard, Cleveland, Tenn., 3-4 bu. beans; Mrs. Sarah Russell, Middleboro, Ky., 9 bars soap, 6 lbs. sugar, 2 boxes oats, 1 glass jelly, 1 pr. slippers, box wash bluing, 4 towels, 4 pillow cases, 3 yds. percale, 4 yds. gingham, 5 hdkfs., 1 comb, 1 dress, 3 doz. buttons, 4 spools thread, 2 paper pins, 1 paper needles, 2 skeins embroidery thread; Mrs. G. A. Gullahorn, Thomasville, Ala., 7 dresses, 2 skirts, 1 pr. slippers, box candy, 1-2 yd. veil, 1 pr. hose; Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Chessier, 5 fans, 4 souvenirs, 4 toys, 2 boxes talcum powder, 1 fancy box.

CASH

Flora Findley, Belington, W. Va., 50c; S. S. Logan, W. Va., \$38.15; S. S. Somerset, Ky., \$1.18; S. S. Somerset, Ky., Birthday offering, \$3.98; S. S. High Splint, Ky., \$7.00; S. S. Eden, Md., \$5.20; S. S. South St. Joseph, Mo., \$4c; S. S. Middletown, Ohio, \$10.00; Church Middletown, Ohio, \$81.10; Church Akron, Ohio, \$11.21; Mrs. Gertrude Loker, Sesser, Ill., \$14.50; Travis Daniel, Ravenna, Ky., \$7.00; S. S. Walthalla, S. C. 27c; R. L. Mixon and wife, Okeechobee, Fla., \$2.00; S. S. Lindale, Ga., \$8.85; S. S. Ferndale, Fla., \$1.51; S. S. Dunn, La., \$7.75; S. S. Sebliva, Mich., \$6.09; S. S. Berryton, Ga., \$5.00; S. S. Boswell, Pa., \$5.70;

## REQUEST

I request prayer of all the saints for the healing of my body as I have stomach and kidney trouble. Please pray a special prayer for me for I know the Lord can heal. I have trusted Him for the past eighteen years.—Fannie J. Holmes, Goin, Tenn.

I thank the Lord for giving me the Holy Ghost and for the Church of God of which I am a member. I ask prayer of all the saints for my brother who is said to have T. B. and is very weak. Pray for me that I may stand true to God and the church.—M. L. Woods, Richard City, Tenn.

I thank the Lord for saving me, for saving and sanctifying my little girl and for light on sanctification. I ask you all to pray for me that I might be sanctified. I am so hungry for the blessing. I want all God has in store for me. I am thankful for the friends I have here and I want the experience they have.

I long to be like Jesus, Meek, loving, lowly, mild; I long to be like Jesus, The Father's holy child.

I long to be with Jesus, Amid the Heavenly throng, To sing with saints His praises, To learn the angels' song.—B. E. Diggs, Kannapolis, N. C.

I want to praise the Lord for His healing power. I promised Him if He would heal my husband I would testify of it and thank God, he has been able to go ever since. I ask you to continue to pray for him to be completely healed. The Lord's will be done, not mine.—Mrs. J. S. Jones, R. 9, box 70, Cleveland, Tenn.

May I ask every reader of the Evangel to pray for my boy and girl, also my mother and sister. Pray that they will be saved.—C. G. Hunter, Cleveland, Tenn.

I wish to thank my great Redeemer for His great love for me, for saving and cleansing my heart from sin. I praise Him for giving me a determination to go every step of the way with Jesus. It has only been two months since I was saved but it has been the happiest two months of my life. I would not exchange this gift of God for anything in the world.

I am determined to go thru and want all of you to pray that I will re-

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ceive the Holy Ghost because I realize we must have on the whole armor of God to be able to stand in these last days.—W. O. Nixon, Orange Ave., Covina, Calif.

I want to ask all the dear saints to pray a special prayer for my dear mother as she has been very ill for five weeks. I believe the dear Lord can heal her. He has healed me many times and if we will be humble I know He will hear our cries. Please pray for her.—Julia Hayes.

## The Devil Can't Stop God's Children

**GREENVILLE, Tenn.**—We are truly praising the Lord for His goodness to us in Greenville. We reported a few weeks ago, our revival south of Greenville, how the Lord blessed and a church was set in order by Brother I. H. Brabson with twenty-six members. A few days later we began another meeting in the school house at the same place and the Lord began to bless so they closed us out. A good man gave us his big barn to continue the meeting and have our Sunday School in until we could get a house. The Lord blessed us there, with the devil still fighting. We had our first Sunday School in the barn with 125 present.

Upon returning home, Brother Brabson, another brother and myself went to the Court House to see the sheriff about some threatnings and walked in on about twenty men in conference with the justice of peace, trying to get a warrant to stop us but they soon found they could not do anything. After we had preached to them some of the Word, we returned to our evening service which was the best of all the services we had.

The following week a sinner man gave us a lot just in front of the school house so the good people got together and ordered a plan for a house 28 x 40. In four days from that time the lumber arrived. We had a house boxed up, covered, floored and seated and had our first service by observing the Lord's Supper and feet washing. The house was full with many more outside. Truly the Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad. We had 131 in attendance last Sunday in Sunday School. We also wish to say that all the men who were against us at first helped build the house, except four or five. Let us lift up our heads and rejoice for the Church of God is going to the front and I am so glad I stayed my mind on the Lord. Are you?—C. W. Arwood.

## The Only Remedy For Sin

Unto Him that loved Us and Washed Us from Our Sins in His Own Blood.—Rev. 1:5.

Robert Hill.

Thank God for the BLOOD ATONEMENT. Man is a sinner and away from God, eternally lost without the BLOOD on his soul. There is no escape for the unrepentant sinner; he must somewhere, sometime meet an outraged God. Sin is the most expensive thing in the world, the most prevalent, the most deceitful, the most binding and the most blinding. But hallelujah, there is a remedy, yes thank God, a never failing remedy.

First we want to look at the guilt of sin, and how it sticks to the soul. You may change your name, you may move away from the neighborhood in which you live and yet your sin remains in your guilty conscience, you may turn over a new leaf, you may resolve, reform and make resolutions but this does not remove sin, you may resort to strong drink and forget for a while, but as soon as the drunken stupor is off, your sin is still haunting the soul. The world provides no way for the removal of sin. Twelve years ago in the state of Michigan a woman was found murdered. They arrested a man, convicted him on circumstantial evidence and for twelve years he has been in the state prison. But listen he was an innocent man, so says the article I have just read this morning. Just a few weeks ago a man went out to the grave where the murdered woman was buried, took out a revolver, blew his brains out and sent himself into eternity. What was the motive? why did he kill himself? Ah, the answer is remorse, that awful remorse, the guilt of sin. Why did he go to the woman's grave to end his own life? He wanted to make some reparation. Five, ten, yes twelve years have gone by but his SIN still sticks to his guilty soul. Yes, sin stays on the record of the Almighty God and the memory of that awful deed drives that man to suicide and suicide is confession.

I knew a man who had his barn insured for a large amount of money and he wanted the insurance. In the dead hour of midnight he set fire to it and it burned to the ground. He collected the insurance and is happy for a little season, but by and by there is a revival of old time Gospel saving grace, yes a revival from the skies, and this man went to the altar. While he was trying to pray, God spoke to him and said, "what about that barn?" He confessed out, went to the insurance company and paid back the money and God forgave him. But wait a minute don't get the wrong idea, did confession and restitution save him? NO, NO, none of these things can wash away sin. It takes the BLOOD of the LAMB. Yes, my friend it takes the very blood of Calvary's Lamb to wash away the guilty stain.

"There is a fountain filled with blood,  
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood.

Lose all their guilty stains."  
"Hallelujah! Hallelujah!"

But let us remember confession and restitution brings us to where God can deal with us with saving GRACE. Here is a woman down at the altar. Oh how she prays, she screams, wrings her hands and begs for mercy. What is the matter? Years ago she had committed a certain sin, her husband was a home loving man and she wanted the theater and a fast life and she found a secret lover and sinned against her own flesh. This was years ago but her sin sticks to the soul. Oh how she prays, she says to the minister, "must I tell all, must I tell my husband?" The minister, if he is divinely illuminated, will say, "Obey God, let God have His way in your very life and soul." She pleads earnestly and gets no where, but she finally goes to husband alone, as it is no other's business, and tells all. The precious husband forgives and she comes back the next night and God forgives and pardons. Jesus washes from her, her sins in His own BLOOD.

Oh, glory to God. He has provided a remedy. Sin cannot be covered up, indeed it cannot. There is only one covering for sin and that is the blood of Jesus. "Whosoever covereth his sins shall not prosper, again, blessed is the man whose sins are covered. But it makes a difference who covers them. If Jesus covers them with His own blood all is well, but if we cover them we shall never get anywhere with God. David in the 103rd Psalm and the 12th verse says "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us." Some people just have enough salvation to make them miserable. I hear one say, "Sometimes I feel free from all my sins and at other times I feel condemned in some things." I am persuaded if that is your condition you are resting in a partial salvation and its all your fault, because He removes them as far as the east is from the west. How far is that? Well if you could put a bit in the mouth of Halley's comet and a saddle on his back and start toward the east at the rate of thirty seven thousand miles an hour, twenty four hours a day, seven days a week and fifty-two weeks a year, ten years

a decade and ten decades a century and ten centuries a millennium, when you have ridden millennium after millennium you are still going east. How about the west? If you should travel at the speed of lightning for a million years you would still be going. Don't tell me your sins are bothering you and you are a Christian at the same time.

Job found out two thousand years before Calvary that a man could not cleanse himself. He said if I wash myself in snow water and make my hands ever so clean, yet are they not clean. Here is the man who pilloved his head on the Saviour's breast. John tells us how much God loves us, as our text says he loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood. I see him as he dips his pen in ink and writes "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son." Hallelujah, doesn't this raise a shout in your soul, to know that God so loved your sin cursed life that he gave His son for it? The law said for the guilty man's transgressions, "cut him down," stone him to death. But Jesus said, "Let ME die in his stead, let me go to calvary, let my BLOOD flow that I might wash him from his sins in my own BLOOD." Oh friends the BLOOD, the BLOOD that flowed from his wounded side is the only remedy. Then we can cry out, "Bless the Lord oh my soul." Are your sins under the BLOOD? There is no such thing as a dead past, sins unrepented of will accompany you to the death bed and to the judgment bar of God, for death fixes our character for the judgment and the judgment seals our destiny for all eternity.

God bless every sinner in the world. If you want BIBLE SALVATION you may have it. There are folks who are walking with God and they know that they know it, you may know that you know your sins are forgiven. Bless God, you may know that you are washed from your sin in His own BLOOD, then walk in the light, not stand, sit or lie down, but WALK and the precious BLOOD still cleanses and keeps us clean from the world's allurements and the devil's counterfeit honey and butter. The devil in all his cunning craftiness and lying in wait to deceive, has never had the nerve to tell me I don't know the power that is in the blood. I can stand in my kitchen door and look down at the spot where I poured out my last moonshine whiskey; I can see the place on the wall where my revolver hung; I can look at my first little boys and girls whom I disgraced, I meet the man whom I so double crossed, but thank God, none of these things condemn me in the least because I have made things right with my fellow-man and "Glory Hallelujah" Jesus has washed me from them in His own BLOOD.

I see a little man who breathes out threatenings and slaughter, bringing men and women bound to Jerusalem; I see him standing by when the first martyr seals his life in his blood, but as he is on his way to Damascus, he hears a voice "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" He asks for mercy and later on he writes "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance that Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief." Sin may be removed, but it takes the BLOOD to do it. Oh my friends, plead the BLOOD and walk in the light and you will find a hole in the skies. Lord do help us to preach the blood. It has been several years since I have heard a blood sermon preached. Sometimes I get out in the mountains and have a wonderful time in the power that is in the blood. It seems like this theme is forgotten; pride has taken its place as the blood cure is not popular and if one will look at the majority of confessions today and hear their testimony, they will readily see what is lacking. Not one out of ten knows the BLOOD cure. Oh God do rescue us from this slip shod method of preaching for applause and membership. No board of deacons, no influential congregation can direct in the least analysis a spirit filled prophet of God. I know plenty of them who when they are active in church bossing they pay their tithes but when they slide a little and are not recognized as an official they wouldn't pay tithes to bury their Grandpa. What do these people need? simply a dip in the fountain filled with BLOOD.

Here is a home; father and mother and one beautiful darling baby girl. I see the father take the little one in his arms and lovingly caress it, the mother turns pale, but says nothing. Again and again the father lavishes his love upon the daughter as she grows toward womanhood. He watches her as she winds her little fingers in the bright curls about her head and every time the father pats her on the head the mother shrinks away. Finally when the daughter grows to womanhood; the mother hides away and cries out, "Oh God I want salvation, what shall I do? Must I tell him? Oh Lord that has been so long ago. I've been true ever since. Oh Lord you know this child is not his. Shall I go to him and tell him the daughter is not his?" Yes, there is nothing hidden that shall not be revealed. I know some will not agree with me here, but show me one who has gotten salvation; show me one who has been washed in His blood, with these things in their lives unconfessed. You can't do it, you might as well hunt

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## COME LET US GO HOME

I still feel good in my soul because the dear Lord blessed me so good yesterday. I never can forget Him. It is great how the Lord is blessing His people up here in Tusculum. We have a good Sunday School with 147 on role yesterday. The second Sunday we had Children's Day which was enjoyed by the old people as well as the children. Brother Glover P. Ledford gave a good lecture. Oh, how the Lord did bless and what a good experience meeting we had in the afternoon.

I know that I am on my way to Heaven. I can only make a start to tell what the Lord has done for me. The half cannot be told. He saved me when I was fourteen years old, sanctified me when I was fifteen. I was a true member of the Baptist church until I received the Holy Ghost, they fought this good way. Bless His name, He put my feet on the solid rock. Without holiness, no man shall see the Lord.

On December 20, 1926 I was taken with sciatic rheumatism. What I suffered no tongue can tell. My physician gave me up and it looked as if there was no chance for me. I was in bed three months; couldn't be turned over. One night I gave up to die but I told my sister if the Lord let me live until morning, I wanted the saints to come and pray for me. My brother, J. W. Sellers and others came and prayed for me. I never will forget that day. Oh how much better I rested that night.

I had prayed during my sickness for the Holy Ghost, for the Lord had showed me that it was the only way. I promised Him if He would let me get well I would join the Church of God and be baptized by one who had the Holy Ghost if I didn't ever receive the Holy Ghost myself. I told Him I would testify and live for Him the rest of my days by the help of the Lord. On Saturday night, Feb. 20, 1927 the blessed Comforter came into my heart, speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. I had epilepsy for about thirteen years and I was completely healed. What a sweet life I have lived ever since. It is sweet to have the Holy Comforter abiding in your heart. I have the Holy Ghost in my heart and have good health too. I have been healed many times since. Praise God for His wonderful power. What a wonderful Savior He is. It is so good to know that I was healed of fits. Many times it looked like they were going to take me out and it seems like what the Lord has done for me would make anyone believe on the Lord. But people have turned their backs on me and have called us the trash but thanks be to God I am one of the "trash." I have something I can go thru fiery trials with. I thank God for a Bible to read and I read it too. I love to read the good testimonies in the Evangel.

Come let us go home shouting the victory. I want to say to the dear saints who were at Shooting Creek the first Sunday in June, I long to clasp your hands at the Assembly so please pray for me. I need help to pray and praise the Lord for I can't praise Him enough.—Mrs. W. H. Garrison, Hayesville, N. C. R. 4, box 33.

## REPORT

**McCrory, Ark.**—We have just closed a two weeks meeting at Patterson, Ark. We surely had a good time in the Lord. He wonderfully blessed in giving out the Word. The saints were revived. Two came in the church, one followed the Lord in water baptism and more are looking this way. Brother E. H. Taylor was in charge.—S. E. Money, 919 Ky. Ave.

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## Divine Healing

BOWLING GREEN, Ky.—On the 20th of May Brother G. A. Fore, State Overseer, came and set the church in order with seven members. There were ten more who could not get here on account of high water and sickness. Brother Curtis Johnson was appointed deacon.

Anyone who would care to put on a revival, I am ready now. I have my own pianist, Miss M. Zimmulin. I have papers with the Church of God, Brother F. J. Lee, General Overseer. I long to see this great work go forth.—Mrs. Amelia Shumaker, 228 Gordon Ave.

### Healed of Paralysis

WHITE CLOUD, Mich.—I feel like praising the Lord through the Evangel for His wonderful healing power. On the morning of February 10, 1927 I was taken with a stroke of paralysis. I lay practically helpless for four days and nights. I had to be fed and cared for as a baby but the Lord was ever near, and after the first two days I can say the Holy Ghost was truly a comforter indeed. When the devil would cause pains to go thru my body the Holy Ghost was present. The following Sunday, February 13, there were about twelve gathered together for prayer meeting; a number were here who had never seen much of the power of God but who became strong believers. After praying for some time the Lord raised me to a sitting position. The saints continued in prayer. Evil spirits were cast out of some who were present. Finally our pastor, Brother Arthur Anderson took me by the hand and said, "In the name of Jesus arise and walk," and I just slid off the edge of the bed in the name of the Lord and walked. From that hour I gained strength. The following Sunday I was at the meeting and in a week from then I was able to walk to church which is over a mile and am able to do all my work.

Many were made to believe in the mighty power of God. Some said I would never be able to walk again, but thank God I am able to be a living witness to the healing power of God. I praise God that He ever led me into this great light and that He has given us faith to trust Him for the healing of our bodies. No case is beyond His power for He is able to heal all manner of diseases. I ask all of the saints to pray for the little church at this place that she may rise and shine for Jesus.—Mrs. Lena Kearns.

MIDDLESEX, N. C.—Some time ago my baby was very ill with a high fever. One night while on my bed in the dead hours when everyone else was asleep I humbly asked God to heal my little child. I neglected to testify of it for a while and I was burdened over it but now I am doing what I promised Him. He has healed many times in our home. I haven't the Holy Ghost but ask all of you to please pray for me for I have many trials and tests to undergo. I aim to live the life until the blessing comes. Pray for my husband.—Mrs. P. M. Jordan.

ROCKWOOD, Tenn.—I would love to add my testimony to those in the Evangel. I am glad to say that I am saved, sanctified and have the Holy Ghost. I praise God for His goodness to me. He led me out in this way and showed me the light on the Church of God.

There are but two of us here who belong to the church, my niece and I. I am praying that others might see the right way.—Mary A. Allen, 204 Donlap St.

### BEEN SET APART FROM THE WORLD

DAYTON, O.—I remember five years ago when I was out in the cold world of sin, out of the ark of safety and unconcerned, the Lord looked down upon me with love and through His tender mercy saved my soul, sanctified me wholly and filled me with the Holy Ghost and fire. He took the desires of sin out of my heart and set me apart from this world and gave me a determination to serve Him in spirit and truth.

I am glad that I can say that I love the Lord with all my heart, I love Him because He left His heavenly glory and came down in this low world to seek and save that which was lost. I love Him for the crown of thorns he wore and for the heavy cross He bore. I am glad for the precious blood that flows from His side that we might be sanctified. "Today He is standing with outstretched hands saying, 'Whosoever will may come.' I have treasures in heaven, many loved ones waiting me there. I have a loving mother up there by whose prayers I found Jesus and some glad day I am going to see and know her again and clasp her hands once more. I earnestly ask all who read this to pray for us here in Dayton that God may have His way and that we may have a greater endowment of the old time power.—Stella M. Wall, 2100% W. 2nd St.

### KEEPING SWEET

PLANT CITY, Fla.—I could not sleep, I arose and will now write to the Evangel. As subjects are in order, I will take one that can be practiced daily, hourly and continually. I have been afflicted a good deal this winter; first, I had lumbago, or that is what my husband called it, and all the time I was afflicted I tried just keeping sweet, I called on God to heal me and He showed me He was trimming me up and rounding off the rugged corners and to learn to endure even severe pain. Then I took a cold and it settled in my chest and I just could speak above a whisper for a day or two and for many days I could not sing but I had a chance to practice keeping sweet and enduring pain. Then I fell on the door step and almost broke one toe and it is not well yet but I had another opportunity to try just keeping sweet and the other morning I was up feeling fine when I found that one of my tonsils was badly swollen. The enemy said, now I have you, for two of my children had their tonsils taken out. Then I thought of Jesus how He went about doing good and healing all manner of diseases while he was on earth and I again tried just keeping sweet. I intend to keep on being kind, gentle, tender hearted, forgiving, loving and giving. As the precious Holy Ghost came nine years ago, I don't ever want to grieve Him but ever love and cherish Him and ere long we shall rise and shine and fly away. I covet your prayers for my family that they may see God's Word and walk in the light before it is too late. I am the only one in a large family that has full salvation.—Sister Morgan.

### NOTHING TO BE DISCOURAGED OVER

BAUXITE, Ark.—I dearly love the Evangel and enjoy reading the sweet testimonies of God's children. I would like to hear from some of those whom I know out in old Mississippi. I still remember their dear faces even tho it has been a long time since I came to Arkansas. I backslid since leaving there but Jesus found me and brought me back. I thank Him for His tender mercy. I am going on with Jesus.

I do thank God for the night that He saved my soul, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost and started me out to live for Him. I feel more like going on this morning than ever before. I want to do what the Lord wants me to do so when He appears in clouds of glory I will be ready to go with Him. I thank Him for the good old Bible, that is directing us to a better home on high where there will be no more sickness, trials or tests.

I would appreciate letters from any of the dear brothers and sisters who know me, also would like to know the whereabouts of Brother Cecil Sims.

We have a church here with about twenty-three saints standing true but praise God for the faithful few. We have service every Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday nights. We have a nice Sunday School and the Lord is blessing us. We haven't anything to be discouraged over but just want to keep pressing on. Our journey will soon be ended. Pray for us.

We are trusting God for soul and body. My husband and I are both saved and have the Holy Ghost and doing our best to live for God. We have never had a doctor or a dose of medicine in our house. We have one child fourteen months old and we trust God with him. He has never failed us yet.—Ethel Young, R. 1.

### PRAISE HIM FOR HEALING ME OF RHEUMATISM

MARKS, Miss.—I want to thank God through the paper for what He is to me, because He has saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. Thank Him for His wonderful healing power. A few days ago He healed me of rheumatism. I thank God for ever showing us the right way.

In the year 1923 we first heard of holiness. Brother E. L. Wright was the first to preach it in our home and the Lord surely did bless him. My little boy who is twelve years old saw the light on holiness and was filled with the sweet Holy Ghost in 1924, later my husband was filled with the Holy Ghost. Now Jesus has come into my heart and has given me the sweet peace.

I promised Jesus if He would give me the blessing I would stand on the rock until He comes or calls for me. All my family has the blessing. I desire the prayers of the saints that we will hold out faithful to the end and do what God wants us to do.—Mrs. Callie Williams.

### Wonderfully Healed Many Times

LAKELAND, Fla.—I have been in this way for nearly six years and the Lord has blessed and healed me many times. He healed me of blood poison in my thumb when everyone said that it would have to be taken off. My wife fasted and prayed every morning for sixteen mornings and I was wonderfully healed. He healed me of acute indigestion. I was at a doctor about four o'clock in the morning and without even calling my wife I asked God to heal me and He did. At another time I had thirteen boils on my left arm and at the same time my horse ran away with me and threw me out of the wagon, breaking my shoulder, bending it forward and hurting my back. I got to the house and my wife helped me in and called for the saints to pray for me. I sat on the edge of the bed for three days and could not bear anything to touch me. My arm turned green from the tip of my fingers to my shoulder but I trusted the Lord and He healed me. For several years I could feel a pain in my shoulder but today every trace is gone. I praise God for His goodness to me and for the faith He has given me to trust Him.

For a long time I had a growth in my nose and could not breathe when I'd lie down. One night wife was kneeling at my bed side praying when the Holy Ghost sung a song thru her and I fell asleep. The next morning when I awoke I was completely healed. How wonderful! I had a severe case of bladder trouble. The doctor said if I did not get better in ten days that it would turn into bright disease or diabetes or both. After ten days I grew worse. This was the fourth time I was at death's door. I could feel myself sinking. But the Lord increased my faith and healed me again. I am so glad that He ever offered His service for healing.

For two years after I was sanctified the devil tormented me so that I could not sleep at nights. I would go to sleep at times but only to be awakened again. One day I sent a handkerchief to the elders of the Church of God to be anointed in Jesus' name and from that very hour the devils were gone. He has healed my children as well as myself. One of our babies was born deaf and the Lord healed it. Before we got salvation our little girl took colitis and it cost us nearly \$200.00 hospital expenses but since we have had salvation she had an attack and the Lord healed her instantly. After four days she ate a hearty dinner with us when at the time of her sickness water would not stay on her little stomach. Our baby also had milk breast. Wife could hardly bear it any longer although the baby did not seem to suffer. But one day the Lord answered prayer and made it well. Then when we moved to Lakeland, Fla. the children took the whooping cough and chicken pox and then the itch. Every coughing spell seemed like a dagger in our hearts. We were strangers and had no one to pray with us but just when we were looking for worse, Jesus came on the scene and healed them completely. The Lord sent Brother T. R. Thomas to stay with us one night to encourage us. He knew we needed help.

I want to testify to one more healing. Our baby took membranous croup for which there is no cure unless an anti-toxin is injected. His little heart would bounce and he would say that he could not breathe. There was a revival on and we rushed him down to have the saints pray for

## PRACTICAL ADVICE TO THE MINISTRY

(Continued from last week)

### The Preacher's Message—Ezek. 3:10

You should get your message as God instructed Ezekiel, saying, "Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word from my mouth, and give them warning from me." Ezek. 3:17.

Some are too ready to get their message from some tattle and aim it at some guilty brother or sister, as if God gave it to them. My brethren, never be guilty of such a thing, even if a brother or sister does need correction, never in any case aim a whole sermon at one or two in a large congregation. You can go to them personally and do more with them. Get your message from God and His Bible and preach it to the edifying of your whole congregation.

### Should Come From the Heart

You should never go into the pulpit without some aim in view. If your congregation is sinners, aim at the task of convincing them that they are lost and are in need of a personal Saviour; if they are Christians aim at the mark of edification as the hunter aims at his game. If you are preaching to a congregation of unbelievers who don't believe in the Bible plan of redemption, build a fortified wall around yourself with a scriptural argument based upon the Bible and leave no gaps down for the gainsayers to come in on you. Seek to make your argument instructive, convincing and persuasive, with much love, sympathy and sincerity. Your sincerity will play a very important feature in the effect of your sermon. Let every word you speak come direct from the heart, otherwise don't speak it. The trouble of many is they are preaching from the head to tickle the ears of the people, or for filthy lucre sake. God is seeking men who are preaching for the saving of souls.

Never enter the pulpit just because you have an appointment, or because someone wants to hear you preach, enter it with a message on your heart and preach it to the hearts of your congregation and not to their heads. A sermon preached from the head of the preacher to the heads of the congregation is never very effective, or accomplishes very much for God. Don't spend much time telling about the flowers, moon, stars and the Milky Way, but preach the Word, sticking closer to your congregation than your subject. We need to stay close to where the people live.

The preacher who follows God's instructions to Ezekiel always has a message fitted for the occasion. Much care should be taken along this line. As you sit at your desk preparing your message, have your congregation continually before you. If they are sinners don't preach on such subjects as The Christian's Duty, and if they are saints never preach such texts as would apply to the sinner in his lost condition. Be considerate, use wisdom and choose such subjects as will apply to the needs of your congregation. If you are a God-called preacher and have the work at heart, after a little experience you will be able to do this. A young minister once preached to a congregation of sinners on the subject of Prayer. He used it because he thought he could preach it better than any other subject, but all during his discourse it seemed to be hitting him back in the face. My preacher friend this is where we need to use wisdom, though you may have the subject well prepared yet if it is used out of its place it will not appear so delightful. A message that you might think you could not preach so well, used at the right time and in the right place, will be much more easy to preach and will bring greater results.

Many mistakes have been made by feeding young lambs strong food which the old sheep could scarcely digest. Such food makes lambs sick instead of strengthening them and at the next feeding they are more than likely absent from the rack. Give them milk and nourish them until they are able to eat the stronger food, but if you feed the older ones too much lamb food they will soon begin to grow weak and poor and many of them will die. Therefore, let us take heed how we feed the flock over which the Holy Ghost has made us overseers.

### Sermon not too Long

Another great lightening to the effect of many sermons of this day is their length. You have probably seen conviction hovering over the people, but by long preaching the messenger worried the audience so that when the altar call was made, they felt more like going home than to the altar. One of the first things a preacher needs to learn is when God gets through with him to stop right there. This mistake is more frequently manifested among the young ministers, although I have seen some who had years of experience

him. We held on to the Lord and the baby was healed. I earnestly covet the prayers of the saints that He will remove a lump from my back which is growing larger.—A. E. Thomas, 712 W. Hancock St.

who seemed to have never learned this important lesson. As a rule, a young preacher can't say as much on a subject as he can in later years and he is possessed with an idea that he must preach an hour before it can be called a sermon and after he has preached his sermon and the Lord is through with him he will go on and try to fill out the time. Young minister, listen to me and take warning and you older ones a hint, when you preach your sermon stop right there. God is through with you, if he was not he would have helped you to make your sermon longer. A fifteen-minute sermon well preached is much better than one or two hours punishment to your congregation. By saying this, I do not say one should not preach more than fifteen minutes, however, fifteen minutes is sufficient on many occasions. It all depends upon circumstances and a close observer can avoid making broad mistakes along this line. During the high tide of a revival all sermons should be short, from fifteen to thirty-five minutes, all depending upon the condition of the congregation, while on most other occasions they should range from thirty-five minutes to one hour. Funerals should be short and pointed.

If you should sit down to time many ministers to see how long they preached, you would never know when their sermon began or when it stopped. It is disgusting to a congregation to talk fifteen or twenty minutes before you read your text, and then after preaching long enough for a good sermon, say just one more thought, or Scripture verse and I will close as I don't want to worry you and about the time he gets through with that thought, something else comes to his mind and he suggests a new start just like a dog that had been on cold trail for one hour and all of a sudden jumps his fox. A minister should always watch his congregation. It is alright to preach as long as you can hold them under the influence of your subject, but when they get restless, you are doing them no good and the best thing for you to do is to stop right there. Always observe this rule, never preach when the folks don't want to hear you, for they will not take heed and you are wearing out your body for nothing. Save yourself until your service is needed. Long preaching is never very desirable with the average congregation. Neither is it the most effective, or successful, therefore, we who bear the message from God to man should use our best wisdom and only do that which will bring greatest results.

### How to be Successful

Success should be the chief aim of every minister of the Gospel of Christ. If we cannot succeed we had just as well quit and help send some one else in our stead. I don't mean quit because we cannot become noticeable. There is a difference in becoming successful and noticeable. If you want to be noticed in a congregation, act unbecomingly or out of order and all eyes will be turned toward you, but if you want to be successful live so holy that neither friend nor foe can bring ought against you. Holiness and humility are demanded in the preacher's life and if you possess these two with a heart full of sincerity, it is the longest step toward success that you will ever have to make, however, there is one more that almost equals it, but if you make this first step toward success, the second will automatically follow with just a little effort in prayer, that is the possession of the power of God. A man undertaking the ministry without the power, has either missed his calling or started before he tarried. We have no account of Jesus ever preaching a sermon before he was baptized with the Holy Ghost, then he declared that he was anointed to preach the Gospel to the poor. One might preach a Gospel to the rich for filthy lucre sake without the anointing, but to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ unto the poor requires an anointing with the power of God from heaven, which can only be received from God through consecration and prayer.

### Get Power with God—Gen. 32:28

Let each of us learn a lesson from Jacob's all night wrestle with the angel. The next morning as the day began to dawn, the angel said, "Let me go for the day breaketh," but Jacob, in his anxiety declared, "I will not let you go until you bless me." When the angel saw Jacob's earnestness he said, "what is thy name?" and Jacob answered and said, "Jacob," he said, "thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: FOR AS A PRINCE HAST THOU FIGHTED WITH GOD AND WITH MEN, AND HAST PREVAILED." Gen. 32:28.

We need more Jacobs in the ministry today who will spend nights alone with God, praying that prevailing prayer of faith, which unlocks the power house above and gives power with both God and man. We need power with God that we may be victorious over sin and impart his blessings unto others; we need power with man that we may be able to influence him to Christ and lead him on into the deeper hidden mysteries of God. Oh my fellow laborers, what we need today is an extra supply of spiritual power which is one of the two greatest steps to success, the goal to which we all should aspire.

### Give Full Time to the Ministry—2 Tim. 4:2

Another long step up the ladder of success is grace sufficient to step out on the promises of God and trust him for a support. God has ordained that they who preach the Gospel should live thereof, not entangling themselves with the affairs of this life. "No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who has chosen him to be a soldier." II Tim. 2:4. Entangling ourselves with the affairs of this life is not pleasing to Him who has called us to be soldiers in this warfare against sin, but He wants men of stability and unwavering faith in God, who is able to endure hardness that he may be accounted worthy of being called a steward of God.

When God chooses a man to preach the Gospel, He expects him to leave all other occupations, as Peter, Andrew, James and John. When He called them they immediately left their old job of fishing in the sea of Galilee for fish and began fishing after the souls of men. They were very successful at their new job, sticking very close to it until Peter denied the Lord and then he said, "I go fishing," and some of the balance said, "we go with you," but after they tarried at Jerusalem until they were endowed with power from on high we hear nothing more of any of them ever going back to their old trade, but their passion for souls seemed to be renewed and they went forth in the strength and power of God, winning souls by the multitudes and praising God and gaining favour with the people. Acts 2:47.

### How to be Influential

Some ministers seem to have conceived an idea that if they gain favor with the people they will lose a certain amount of God's favors, but that is not true, a minister with a good influence will be much more successful than those who have no influence, therefore, we should seek to build our influence with all classes of people. To do this we don't have to partake of the evil of any one, regardless of whom we are associated with, but a total abstainer from all appearance of evil. I Thes. 5:22. There are many things that we could mention that might not be a great sin if it was not for the appearance of it. You might get in a car and go to town or to church with some other man's wife and as for your holy and virtuous intentions there may not be any sin committed, yet at the same time it would give the Devil something to talk about and your influence would be greatly damaged and there are also many other places you might go with a good purpose, and some bystander who did not understand, could become greatly offended and lose all confidence in you and by the run of his unruly tongue, many others could form the same opinion with him. You probably would never know just what they really did think of you. It does not take a big thing to injure the influence of a minister of the Gospel of Christ. Some things that would hardly be noticed in the lives of others would look like a mountain to the eyes of the people in a preacher's life. The minister should be the most particular man in the world, living the holiest life, always sowing seed of righteousness for he is continually in the eyes of the people. From his outward appearance all men will form their opinion of him and if their opinion is bad, regardless of his good intentions, he will have a difficult time leading them to Christ.

### Don't be a Self-brag

Another thing that has been very injurious to the influence of some is bragging about what they can do or what they have done. My brethren, above all little sins, never be a self-brag about what you can or have done in the pulpit or out. If you can do anything, all you have to do is to do it and your fame will spread far enough. The day has come when the old saying is fulfilled, "A self brag is a half scandle." It will never get you anywhere, but you will become ridiculed in the eyes of the people and be marked as a wind bag. Your service will be desired by no one.

### Get Rid of the Preacher's Itch

There is also a very bad disease, which is often found among young preachers and some of the older ones don't seem to be completely well of, known as the preacher's itch. As a general rule, this disease is found among the lower order of the ministry and is no more tasteful than the seven year itch. It is greatly injurious to the preacher's influence, especially with other ministers, therefore, it should be guarded against by always preferring our brother in such way that he will know that we really mean for him to preach. Generally one who has the preacher's itch will occasionally ask his brother to

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## OBITUARIES

### PITTMAN

The death angel visited the home of my mother, Susan Williams and took away her loving mother, Atsy A. Pittman, September 15, 1926. She was born Sept. 11, 1857 making her stay on earth sixty-nine years and three days. She left to mourn her death one brother, two sisters, three sons, two daughters, twenty-nine grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Her husband died thirty five years ago.

She was a member of the Church and filled her place when she was able. She was confined to her bed from February until her death in Sept. She asked God to take her and said she was ready to go. I feel that she is at rest. She read her Bible as long as she could see and then I read it some for her. Brother William Botts preached her funeral and her body was laid to rest in the family cemetery.

Oh dear mother how we miss you  
Miss you more than tongue can tell;  
But we know that thou art resting  
For with Jesus all is well.

Yes our hearts are sad and lonely  
On this dark and rainy day;  
But our thoughts have been of heaven  
Ever since you went away.

A precious one from us is gone  
A vacant chair is in our home,  
Sleep on dear mother and take your rest  
Our precious Savior loved you best.—  
Her granddaughter, Bessie Pittman,  
Rocky Mount, N. C. R. 1.

### LAVELOCE

On Dec. 19, 1926 the death angel claimed for its victim Sister Jincy Laveloce but we feel that our loss is Heaven's gain. She joined the Church of God April 16, 1923 and lived a very humble life. She was at work at Pulaski, Va. when she took sick and she prayed to live until she could get to her sister's, Mrs. Ken Bryant. She told them if she could live to get there she could die happy. It was about seven when she got there and she died about twelve.

She leaves to mourn her death a father, mother, two sisters, two brothers and a host of relatives and friends.

One dear sister has gone and left us  
To that bright and happy shore  
But we'll meet again together  
Where we'll never part no more.

Our dear sister we will miss her  
As we travel in this life  
And our eyes with tears will fill  
But her eyes are full of light.

We will miss her, yes we'll miss her  
But God's hand was in it all  
So we'll sweetly follow Jesus  
Till our name He sweetly calls.

She has gone to be with Jesus  
To a better home than this.  
She has gained a home in Heaven  
And hard trials she will miss.

She is done with earth's hard trials  
And no tears will dim her eyes,  
So we hope to soon be with her  
Where we'll never have to die.

How our hearts and eyes are longing  
For that city to behold  
Where we'll see so many loved ones  
Walking on the streets of gold.  
Walking on the streets of gold.

'Tis so hard to part with loved ones  
But so sweet to say well done.  
And to know only a few more sons—  
Till we'll be with God's dear Son.—  
Her cousin, Mrs. Belle Sparks, Ivanhoe, Va.

### LEE

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rollen Lee of Avon Park, Fla. and claimed their darling little girl, Catherine age five years, ten months and three days. She was sick only six days until her death and it seemed that everything was done for her that anyone could do. She was attended by two doctors and prayed for many times during her illness she would ask for prayer and would try to pray herself but we feel like it was best that God took her out of her suffering to be with Him, although it is hard and we miss her so badly. But thank God He fixed a way whereby we can meet again where there will be no more deaths or any such things but all will be glory.

She leaves to mourn her death a father, mother, one sister, two brothers and many other relatives and friends. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Rogers and the little body was laid to rest in the Corlath Cemetery to await the resurrection. Please pray for her father and mother.—Her aunt, Gracey Lee, Avon Park, Fla. R. 1.

### BAKER

The sad angel of death visited the home of Mr. Everett Baker and took his loving wife, Lizzie Baker. She was a loving mother and devoted wife and was loved by all who knew her, by neighbors as well as her immediate family. She left to mourn her sad death a mother and father (Rev. J. W. Mullen and wife), six sisters, two brothers, husband, seven children,

one sister having preceded her to the great beyond several years ago while she was quite young. She died trusting God for her body. She also had two children who had gone on before to bid her welcome.

Sister Baker was in bad health for several years. At the time of her death she had been sick about five weeks. She was taken to the hospital but only lived about two weeks afterward. God saw fit to take her out of her sufferings. She was not a member of the Church of God but had the Holy Ghost and intended to join the church but misfortune from time to time and bad health prevented. She left a testimony that was wonderful to hear. The only sad thought was to leave her loved ones and her little children to be reared without a mother's care. She said that she was ready to go to meet Jesus.

Her body was laid to wait the resurrection of the dead in the Cleveland Cemetery at Cleveland, Miss. on Mar. 3rd. Funeral services were conducted by Brother Lester Lay.

A loved one from us has gone,  
A voice we loved is stilled.  
Her chair is vacant in the home  
But she is seated around God's throne.—Her cousin, Mrs. Parilee (Mullen) Wolfe, Marigold, Miss. R. 2.

### PUGH

On Jan. 24, 1927 the death angel visited the home of Riley and Dora Pugh and claimed for its victim their darling little girl age one year and five days. She was sick for a short time and suffered lots but God knows best and called her home. She leaves to mourn her death a father, mother, two sisters, two brothers and a host of relatives and friends.

We weep not as those who have no hope. We expect to meet again in that sweet by and by. Funeral service was conducted by Bud Seeth and the body laid to rest in the Arkadelphia Cemetery to await the resurrection morn.

Sleep on little Lillian and take your rest  
God knoweth all things and took thee to rest.—Her aunt, Alma Pugh, Arkadelphia, Ala.

### DILL

On Oct. 11, 1926 the death angel came into our midst and carried away our dearly beloved Grandmother, Mrs. S. E. Dill. She had been in this old world a long time being about ninety-one years of age. She was an invalid over four years and was confined to her bed eight months but was patient to the end. She said that she was ready to go and there was nothing in her way.

She leaves to mourn her death one son and a host of relatives and friends. We weep not as those who have no hope for we expect to meet her on the streets of gold.

Her life's battles are over,  
She has gone home to rest evermore.  
To greet loved ones that have crossed over

And to watch and wait for the others to come.  
She bore a cross while here  
And has gone to receive a robe and crown.

Her grand-daughter, Mrs. J. L. Burton.

### ALLEN

Just after midnight in the morning of Jan. 28, 1927, Mrs. Frances E. Allen, beloved mother of Rev. Jackson Allen and widow of the late Lewis Allen, passed on to her eternal reward, age sixty-nine years, two months and eight days.

She was born and reared in this (Ohio) county, professed faith in the Baptist teaching and was baptized in early girlhood. After her marriage she lived for many years at Rosine. She resided with her daughter, Mrs. Lula Cook in Louisville, Ky. a few months ago, coming to Select, Ky. to visit her son where her death occurred. Funeral services were conducted by R. P. Likens of Beaver Dam and the remains laid to rest in the Rosine Cemetery on Jan 29 at three o'clock.

Her passing was so peaceful, tranquil, Not a struggle to mark the hour;  
Like the flowing of a silent river  
Or the plucking of a tender flower.

Oh in death she looked so peaceful,  
Not a care upon her face;  
And we felt it all was Jesus,  
For He saved her by His grace.—  
W. E. Hall.

### VANSICKLE

Sister Laura Vansickle was born April 29, 1888 and departed this life March 29, 1927. She left to mourn her death a husband, eleven children, father, mother, four brothers, five sisters and a host of friends. She joined the Church of God nearly eight years ago and was saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. She was a faithful member. Her whole heart was in the service of the Lord.

We all miss her very much and loved her dearly but Jesus loved her best and took her to Heaven. Some have wondered why she was called away from her family but the Lord rejoiceth in the death of his saints and is very choicy about whom He calls into His everlasting kingdom. Why should we weep when the saved are at rest in the bosom of Jesus supreme, in the

### BROOKS

Bertha Brooks was born Oct. 11, 1895 and departed this life March 17, 1927, age thirty-two years, five mo. and six days. She leaves to mourn her death a husband, four children, Lottie, Beulah, Verlan and Raymond, a mother, two brothers, four sisters and a host of friends.

She was converted in 1918, sanctified in 1919 and in 1924 she received the Holy Ghost. She was first a member of the Baptist church then Wesleyan Methodist, later she saw the light on the Church of God and was added to it. She was a faithful Christian in all these churches. She was an ardent believer in divine healing and trusted God with her body until the end.

Dr. Owen and family you have lost a precious daughter and sister, Brother Brooks you have been called upon to give up a faithful companion, Lottie, Beulah, Verlan and Raymond you have said goodbye to a devoted mother and dear saints we have parted with a loyal and true follower of Jesus, who said, "In my father's house are many mansions. If it were not so I would not have told you. I go to prepare a place for you and if I go I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am there ye may be also." Loved ones and friends you will find her there waiting to welcome you home.

(For the children)

But since she's with her Savior, tear,  
We can but weep to see her go.  
Our mother is gone, we miss her so,  
She's happier far than she was here.

Her suffering is o'er, in peace she dwells,  
Where heavenly choirs sweet anthems swell;  
With them she sings in glory land,  
In garments white she adorns the band.

Rest sweet mother in Heaven thy home,  
While this sad world our feet shall roam;  
When all life's cares with us are o'er,  
In Heaven we'll meet to part no more.—  
Her pastor, J. B. Ellis.

### OSMENT

Maggie Osment, wife of Ollie Osment, departed this life April 9, 1927 after an illness of almost one year. She was converted at the age of fourteen, walked in all the light she had. When in the year 1912 she heard the doctrine of sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost preached she at once fell in line, received the Comforter and also joined the Church of God of which she was a faithful member until death.

Sister Osment was a faithful worker in the Church, always willing to do her part. She was a devoted wife and a real example in her home and before her children. Her children and husband likewise were devoted to her and joyfully took care of her in her afflictions.

She leaves to mourn, a loving, devoted husband, five children, two having preceded her in death; also four brothers and one sister.

Her voice is silent in death. A place is vacant in the Church and home, but her days of suffering are over and beyond a shadow of a doubt she is now in the country where the sun never sets and in that world of which Jesus is the light.

In the absence of her pastor, the district pastor S. W. Latimer, officiated at the funeral, assisted by the writer.—E. J. Boehmer.

## The Lord is Still in the Healing Business

DALTON, Ga.—My little boy six years of age had a spell with his heart and it seemed as if the Lord was going to take him. He began to show me where I had failed to obey Him and I began to say, "Lord I will obey you."

The Lord wonderfully healed him. I am so glad that God is still in the healing business. I have been trusting Him with both soul and body for nearly seven years and I am glad that I ever learned to trust Him. I have never given my little boy a dose of medicine or rubbed anything on him and it surely does make the old devil mad. Sometimes he rises right up in my face but I declare I have got the Holy Ghost and the devil can't help himself. My little boy broke his thigh and the Lord healed him. He has done so much for me that I can't tell it all nor praise Him enough.

I belong to the great Church of God and am enjoying salvation. I want the saints to pray for me to live humble and true to God and that my children will be saved. I am looking for mansion of glory prepared for the blest, for death is only a dream. Funeral services were conducted by the writer.—Roy Mallory.

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preach in his stead for manner's sake. If the invited minister talks favorably, the itching preacher will show a sign in his voice, word or action that he really wanted to do the preaching himself and had only ask the former for manner's sake.

If a visiting preacher comes into your assembly who is sound in the faith and doctrine of the holy Bible, go to him with a smile and make him to know that you appreciate his presence, hand him your own Bible if he has none and make him feel welcomed to your pulpit. He can preach much better and it will be better for you at the time being and for ever afterward. If it is honor that you are after, you will receive much more by so acting than you would to be so selfish.

I am not accusing you of having the preacher's itch, but when you ask the visiting minister to preach for you and he accepts the invitation, if there is something that runs up in your neck and your voice changes, you had better get a remedy for it, for that is the symptoms of it. If it is allowed to run on it will likely develop and cause you much trouble, therefore, I am giving you a Bible prescription. If you will have it filled and use it to the letter it is a guaranteed remedy.

Preach what You know and not something to cause Argument

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God." James 1:5. "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God." Eph. 5:2. "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord." James 4:10. These three, WISDOM, SUBMISSION AND HUMILITY mixed well with prayer and holiness, seasoned with the Spirit of Christ, used twenty-four hours each day, will not only cure you, but will fortify you against all infections. The wise man said "wisdom is the principle thing, therefore get wisdom." So wisdom is the most essential medicine mentioned in the prescription and the absence of it has made many feel that they were full of it and has become a double trigger to a dangerous pitfall where many have been trapped and held back from success, who are trying to preach subjects which they themselves don't understand, or are dealing with disputed points of Scriptures for argument's sake, or are trying to show forth new light to make someone think they are deep in the Scriptures on such undertakings as to prove that Jesus was born under a June apple tree. We do not believe that Jesus was born under a June apple tree, but in the stall of Bethlehem and was wrapped in swaddling cloth and laid in the manger.

My brethren if you have great wisdom and understanding of the scriptures, it is not necessary that you take such subjects to prove your knowledge unto the people. Preach from plain simple texts such as you know that you understand, putting on nothing only that which is natural with you. One of the most wearisome things that I know of is a sermon missing its mark ten feet over the heads of the congregation. I have heard it said, "I did not understand what that preacher was talking about last night." Subjects of that kind do not do the poor and unlearned, to whom this Gospel is to be preached, very much good. Neither do they exalt the preacher's ability in the estimation of his congregation one bit, but really abuses it, hurts his influence and drives away his congregation.

I want to bring this message to a close impressing upon you the importance of soul saving wisdom. The wise man said, "He that winneth souls is wise." Soul winning should be the chief aim of every minister of the Gospel of Christ and Daniel said, "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." Dan. 12:3, therefore, let us work for a starry crown.

my Christ to come back at any time and I want to be in the number when the saints go marching in.—Manervia Clark.

## BABY HEALED OF CROUP

My baby had croup for two nights and was almost choking to death and I called some of the saints to pray for him. I also sent to Brother Rouse for an anointed handkerchief but he was healed before the handkerchief arrived. Four weeks afterwards he had another bad attack and I laid the Evangel on him and prayed and next morning he was all right. I give God all the praise and glory and want to say that today still finds me with my affections set on things above and trusting God with both soul and body for I find He is a friend in need and a friend indeed and can heal us even before we could get a doctor. I want everyone to pray for me that I will be able to reach the pearly gates and that I will raise my family for the glory of God. Pray that my husband, son and daughter-in-law will get salvation before it is too late.—Maggie Hickerson, Heflin, Ala.

## The Only Remedy For Sin

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for an honest thief, or a truthful liar. The BLOOD is the only remedy and these things bring us to it. When a governor's reprieve will cure consumption and a doctor's prescription will pardon a convict, then I will quit preaching restitution and confession as essentials to soul freedom. If I had anything in my life today that was hindering me with God, that was needless to confess, I would do it if I knew I would be hung by the neck until dead.

And now dear souls make straight paths for your feet and be washed in the BLOOD of the LAMB. Science has found and perfected a solution which will remove ink stains, which will remove writing from paper and leave it as pure and white as ever. The directions are simple enough, just apply and do not rub, just leave it alone and every trace of ink will disappear. But science has never found a remedy for sin, though some of our professed D. D.'s have attempted to offer a substitute by church joining but it will not remove sin. No, thank God it takes the BLOOD of Jesus Christ to wash us from our sins.

How few have a real heart knowledge of God. How few are going into the very HEART of HOLINESS thru the depths of their own souls, thru Him who washed us from our sins in His own BLOOD. When will we stop playing at religion? and when will men stop playing in the pulpit with no message from God? However well prepared a discourse may be, it fails, utterly fails, if not uncted by the Holy Ghost.

Give us order, give us order, is the cry! Order is the thing we all must admit, but formality has ruined many a church and killed many a shout. This very thing is caused by pride in the heart and has caused guardian angels to bow their heads and weep over dead souls who one time were shouting happy. The happy, hilarious, God intoxicated life is rarely seen even in the holiness churches. There are some things I will not fellowship and when I see a man who is careful along this line I have confidence in that man. I cannot fellowship pride because that is one of the meanest sins that God saved me from. God hates a proud look. And on the other side, I will not fellowship filthiness and uncleanness because when we are washed in His own BLOOD we are clean, "Hallelujah" inside and out.

"Dear Jesus all my sins forgave,  
And washed and made me whole;  
I have sweet peace and joy within,  
His BLOOD is on my soul."  
Oh victory, victory, blessed BLOOD  
brought victory! It is the only remedy for sin. Every sect, cult, religion or

## TAKING THINGS INTO OUR OWN HANDS

A Warning to Christian Believers

There is always a danger of taking things into our own hands, especially if we have to wait long for the fulfillment of a desired aim or object. When anyone does this it is certain to be followed by painful disaster and regret. God wants to teach us that it is always best to let Him give to us in His own time and way.

God promised Abraham and Sarah that He would give them a son. For ten weary years they waited in vain, then Sarah took the matter into her own hands, and advised Abraham, "And Abraham hearkened to the voice of Sarah." In a short time Sarah began to reap the seed she was sowing; she was despised by her slave girl in her own house; mockery and sorrow followed, until life was miserable. Sarah bitterly regretted that ever she took the matter into her own hands. When she was willing to wait and let God have His way with her, He fulfilled His promise, and laughter filled her heart. (Gen. 15, 16, 17, 18 and 21).

Esau despised his birthright and sold it to Jacob for a meal. Jacob should have believed that the blessing of the birthright would be given to him also without putting his hand on the matter, or by taking any wrong action to secure it. His mother strongly advised him to take wrong action, and he obeyed her. What were the results? Deception, loss of character before God and man, the bitter anger of Esau, and his determination to kill Jacob. Taking the matter into his own hand would have cost Jacob his life, and he had to flee from home and be an exile for more than twenty years. (Gen. 25 and 27).

Is it reasonable to expect a blessing from God when we will take the matter into our own hands, and will not wait until God gives us the blessing in His way? King Saul had a test from God on this point, and he failed. The Philistines gathered a mighty army against Saul's handful. Samuel was told by the Lord to tell Saul to wait seven days, then he would come. These days were very trying to Saul as he waited, his frightened followers were failing him and running away; and he was afraid that the mighty enemy would attack him at any time. He waited almost until Samuel came, but before he came Saul's patience came to an end, and he took matters into his own hands, and offered a sacrifice. Just then Samuel came. Saul was full of excuses to justify himself; but Samuel said: "Thou hast done foolishly, thou hast not kept the commandment of the Lord, for now would the Lord have established thy kingdom forever." Saul knew he was on such a test. He lost his kingdom by willfully taking matters into his own hands. God wants people who are willing to wait His time and do things in His way, and He will exalt such to rule. (1 Sam. 13).

The Lord tested David twice on the same point, and he stood the test. Saul cruelly sought David's life, and on two occasions David found Saul asleep and was advised by his men to smite him, but David said: "Mine hand shall not be upon him." He would not take the matter into his own hands, although the laws of war would justify him in killing the enemy who was seeking his life. David was willing to wait until God gave him the kingdom in His time and way. This was a greater victory than he won over Goliath. What a joy that must have brought to God's heart to see David willing to wait, willing to be wronged and chased about, willing to trust God to undertake for him. (1 Sam. 24 and 26).

Abraham, Jacob and Saul teach us that nothing but disaster comes from taking things into our own hands, and David teaches us that blessing and honor comes to those who will wait and trust God.—B. Davidson.

profession which fails to honor the BLOOD is false. One more verse and I'm thru.

"I am determined by God's grace  
To reach bright heaven's goal;  
And reign with Christ upon His throne,  
For His BLOOD is on my soul."

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